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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Roger READ et al.)

U.S. Application No.: 09/673,305)

Group Art Unit: 1625

Filing Date: March 19, 2001)

Examiner: B. Robinson

For: PRODUCTION OF FURANONES)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND/OR ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed May 14, 2002, Applicants respectfully elect Group I, claims 1-17, 22, 23, 25-29, 35, 37-40, 42-45 and 47-49 for examination in the subject application.

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated May 14, 2002, the Examiner has restructured the Office Action dated December 4, 2001 to consider claims 27-49 added via a preliminary amendment dated October 16, 2000. In issuing the new Office Action, the period for response has been reset to the mailing date of the latest Office Action. Applicants thank the Examiner for the Examiner's assistance in resolving this situation.

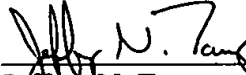
The Examiner has made a restriction requirement requiring election among the claims of Group I: claims 1-17, 22, 23, 25-29, 35, 37-40, 42-45 and 47-49, drawn to compounds of formula Ia and VI, compositions, and methods of treating; Group II: claims 18-20, 36, 41 and 46, drawn to a polymer; Group III: claims 30-34, drawn to a method of disinfecting; and Group IV: claim 24, drawn to a surface coating composition.

In view of this restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-17, 22, 23, 25-29, 35, 37-40, 42-45 and 47-49 for examination in the subject application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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